

RCE/2700

PATENT Case No. 803 P 019

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Hodgson et al.
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Serial No. 08/879,322
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Filed: June 20, 1997
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For: MEASUREMENT OF
FRUIT PARTICLES

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Examiner: Mehrdad Dastouri #3

## REPLY TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION FOLLOWING RECEIVED REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the second non-final Official Office Action, (Paper No. 32), mailed May 31, 2002 following the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above captioned application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 10 and 12 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) Apparatus for the measurement of fruit particles in a matrix without removing the fruit particles from this matrix, comprising:

a substantially opaque cabinet;

a sample tray adapted to receive a fruit matrix of fruit particles which are within a matrix selected from the group consisting of a sugar matrix, a starch matrix or a sugar and starch matrix, said fruit matrix being of the kind used in fruit fillings, toppings, dairy products or cooked food products;